

City Commission meeting-March 22, 1982, City Hall

The regular monthly meeting of the Smiths Grove City Commission was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 p.m. with all Commission members present. Minutes of the February meeting were read, and a motion to accept same as read was presented by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. The Treasurer's report was presented, the Mayor ask for any questions or corrections, there were none. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

Old Business:

1. A building permit presented at the February meeting on behalf of Southeastern Display, has been canceled. There was no representative from the company at the meeting. Mr. Stiffey reported, Mr. Webb had informed him of this action.
2. The Mayor addressed the Commission regarding the definite need for a zoning ordinance, explaining the City now operates under an interim ordinance. He ask the Commission for permission to contact the County Planning and Zoning Commission to have them draw up a draft of ordinances to be presented at the next meeting for the Commissioners to review. A motion to grant this permission was made by Mr. Van Der Stelt, seconded by Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.
3. The Mayor commended Police Chief Bybee for his persistent actions in carrying out the no parking ordinance acted upon at the February meeting. He read to the Commission a letter from Mr. Ralph Anderson of Anderson Engineering Co. asking that this action be reconsidered on behalf of his employees and customers. The Mayor ask the Commission for comments, they agreed the action should stand as approved.
4. Mr. Hendricks - Mayor Milliken has surveyed his water problem and has talked with Mr. Lyles from Warren County Water District. The matter is under discussion.
5. Cemetery - the light requested by Mrs. Wanda Jackson has been installed and is working well.
6. Dogs - The Dog Warden has made numerous trips to Smiths Grove and is working to alleviate our problem.

AGENDA:

1. Flag-The Mayor noted our new United States Flag at City Hall was presented to the City by Congressman William Natcher after being flown over the United States Capitol.

2. Street repairs- Mr. Pearson presented cost estimates from Medusa Aggregates and Scotty's Construction Co. for repair of Hedge St., Post Office St., Cemetery St., Lawson St., and Jackson St. The Mayor ask these estimates be kept at City Hall for the Commission to review before the next meeting. Mr. Pearson explained the repair work done on Vincent Street was paid for jointly by Flav-O-Rich and Cee Bee.

3. Community Center repairs- Cost estimates were presented by Mr. Van Der Stelt. Repair work needed to qualify for a Nutrition Center, including bathrooms, floor, ceilings, approximately \$7,000.00 for materials. Mr. Pearson presented an estimate for some of the materials needed from Hill-Motley Lumber Co., which included no plumbing materials, in the amount of \$1,628.00.

The Mayor informed the Commission; the Job Corp. represented by Dave Covey, accompanied by Mr. Pearson and David Bybee, surveyed the Community Center Friday, March 19th, and after talking with Mr. Pearson, did not feel they wished to participate in our renovation efforts. Mr. Bob Hunter, Associate Director of Projects from Barren River Development, was introduced to the Commission. The Mayor questioned him regarding directions the City might take regarding the Community Center. He ask if the building were to be sold, would the monies have to be refunded. Mr. Hunter, said, in all probability yes, but there was a possibility it could be used for another project. The Mayor then ask, if the City does not decide to restore the building, are there grant funds available to aid us in the renovation. Mr. Hunter said there were several options we could look in to. (1) selling the building and build a new one (2) use the Job Corp labor (3) contact Mr. Bill Cooper head of the Nutrition Dept. for BRAD to see if there was any assistance available through the Nutrition Program (4) we could possibly obtain a grant through Area Development District Funds. Mr. Harold Walker, representing the prior Commission addressed the meeting, explaining the prior Commission voted to buy the Powell Building, hoping to restore it with the help of voluntary labor. He stated he is still willing to solicit labor and money to help with the project. But their prior efforts were curtailed because of a family moved into the building by Anderson Engineering Co. until their home was finished. Thus, the enthusiasm to start the work waned. The Mayor stated, regardless of their comments, or prior circumstances, something had to be done. He ask the Commissioners for their comments, Mr. Anderson said there was not enough interest from the citizens of Smiths Grove and he felt the building should be sold. Mr. Pearson said he would be glad to donate time and money to help. Mr. Van Der Stelt had no comment. Mr. Stiffey said any donations we might receive would be put to good use. The Mayor motioned, with the assistance from Mr. Hunter and the BRADD offices, we research available grants from ADD and the Nutrition Program, have a contractor give a cost estimate and present them at the next meeting. Motions seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote- Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes, Pearson yes, Van Der Stelt yes.

4. Stanley Rice Addition-(streets)

The Mayor read a letter from the Farmers Home Administration regarding the upkeep of the streets in the Stanley Rice Addtn. He felt there was no need for discussion on the matter. He instructed the City Clerk to keep the letter on file, in the event someone from that area applied for a building permit.

5. Vacant lots-clean-up-

Mr. Stiffey asked the City Clerk to write letters to all owners of lots in the Smiths Grove area, along with a copy of the ordinance pertaining to this action, requesting them to clean up their lots, to 'further aid in the beautification of the city. A motion for this action was presented by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Pearson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

6. Back taxes and Occupational Licenses:

The Mayor ask the Commissioners for their feelings on what should be done to collect back taxes and Occupational licenses that are delinquent. A motion was made by Mr. Anderson to take whatever legal action necessary to collect them. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Anderson yes, Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Van Der Stelt yes.

7. Police Protection:

The Mayor commended Chief Bybee for his efforts to protect the citizens of Smiths Grove. He said he had received applications from Monty Cherry and Mr. Webb to patrol Smiths Grove at night, as assistants to Chief Bybee. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. The Mayor thanked the City Clerk and David Bybee for their effort in cleaning up City Hall. Mr. Pearson ask if there had been any decision made about the care of the lawn at City Hall. Mr. Anderson made a motion the Mayor handle this matter, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Anderson yes, Stiffey yes, Van Der Stlet yes, Milliken yes, Pearson yes.

Ralph Anderson addressed the Commission regarding the parking ordinance discussed earlier in the meeting. He expressed, he felt his company was personally being singled out by the parking ordinance. But stated, they are and will abide by the Commission's decision. He said he had personally made a survey of other fire hydrants around the City, and at various times they were being blocked. He again ask the Commission to reconsider their decision as his company has twelve vehicles they need to have parking places for. The Mayor asked the Commission for any comments on Mr. Anderson's request. They felt the ordinance should remain as it was originally made, but that Chief Bybee make an effort to enforce it throughout the entire City. The Mayor expressed to Mr. Anderson the Commission was definitely not singling anyone individual or company out, but it was our intention to enact on all violators. The Mayor called for a motion on Mr. Anderson's request, there was none.

The Mayor ask the City Clerk to write a letter to Mrs. Sue Edwards thanking her for efforts in the transition of the City Clerk. (copy attached)

With no further business to be presented, a motion to adjourn was presented by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Stiffey.

Approved: W. Currie Milliken
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal

City Clerk